

The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1981 was written by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion, Donald W. Powell.

GRISWOLD REUNION 1981

Ridge Farm, Waymart, R. D. 1, established in 1812 by Levi Norton when he moved from Goshen, Ct to Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pa., and today the home of Mrs. Margaret Rude, was the site of the 75th meeting of the Griswold Reunion, on Wednesday, August 19, 1981. The day was clear, breezy and warm, and beneath the majestic Norway spruce trees which surround the family house sixty-two descendants of John Griswold and his wife, Elizabeth Crittenden, and friends of the Griswold descendants, gathered around four heavily laden picnic tables for a covered dish dinner at 12 noon. As the tables were being cleared in readiness for the annual program and business meeting, a drawing and awards ceremony, organized and presented by S. Robert Powell, took place, and seven "extremely valuable" prizes - Chinese paper fans, oriental tea, and others - were drawn for. Among the winners were Mrs. Leona Vaughn, who came the longest distance - from the state of Washington, five miles from Puget Sound, and Mrs. Margaret Rude, who came the shortest distance. The business meeting and program, presided over by Mrs. Beatrice Bartholomay, acting President, commenced by the entire group standing and singing one verse of America, and by a prayer by Rev. G. Fay Crossman. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Rude, Vice-President, Stephen Gravalec, Secretary-Treasurer, Donald W. Powell, Program Committee Chairman, Alice Lund. The former table committee, Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude Snyder and Dorothy Olver, were unanimously reelected.

The Griswold Reunion always takes place on the third Wednesday of August, and the third Wednesday of August is also one of the four publication dates of the historical quarterly, Northeastern Pennsylvania, the historical quarterly dealing with the history of the eleven counties of northeastern Pennsylvania. The issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania published on Wednesday, August 19, 1981, is entitled "Studio Photography in Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1839-1900, Part III." The issue also contains 8 pages of "Genealogical and Local History Notes," a regular feature of the quarterly. In the November 19, 1980 issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania, appeared a detailed history of the Gris-